

Weakness

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The world is all turned around and upside down.

For many years I have valued weakness and uselessness. Weakness is sensitivity and sensitivity is good. Resistance is useless and uselessness means people cannot use you. It is not good to be used. Resistance is futile and futility is freedom.

What can you be used for? And by whom?

It is good to be an idiot. It is good to be free from the lash of the carrot and the lure of the stick. There is a sense of achievement in going the wrong way.

When I hear emergency vehicles with their sirens turned up too loud I put my fingers in my ears to protect my hearing. I'm not scared to appear cowardly and weak.

When I turn a corner and walk inadvertently into a cloud of tobacco smoke or vaping stink I quickly cover my mouth and nose and hold my breath until I am safely back in fresh air again.

Some people may think that protecting my ears from high pitched loud noise or protecting my lungs from smoke and vapour is weak, cowardly, not sufficiently "tough guy" for them.

But it isn't for them.

It's for the ears and the lungs. It's for the protection of the body and the mind.

I don't want their yak dung vapour or whatever flavour or sonic attack.

Someone accused me of “doing a protest”.

I’m not doing a protest.

I’m simply defending my body and mind from the noise, from the smoke, from the mind control, from the “tough world” of the tough guys which we’re all supposed to be these days.

No thank you. I don’t want to be a tough guy.

I prefer to be weak.

I prefer to be useless.

I prefer to be futile.

But I value seeking wisdom from the yin chi.

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